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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Kikuji Horiuchi

Serial No.: 10/693,492

Group Art Unit: 3732

Filed: October 27, 2003

Examiner: Candice Capri Stokes

For: AN ARTIFICIAL ROOT OF A TOOTH

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-18 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-7, and 9 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 10-18 are added. Claims 1 and 14 are independent.